

INVADERS FROM MARS

Teddy loved to read science fiction comic books after his mother and father kissed him goodnight. He was not allowed to stay [up/ how/ won] past nine o'clock. After his parents [stab/ went/ face] to bed, Teddy turned on his [worry/ deeds/ little] flashlight, crawled into the fort in [cot/ said/ the] corner of his room that he [had/ and/ let] made from his bedspread, and read [same/ the/ lay] scary comics. His parents did not [about/ like/ year] him spending his money on the strange cartoons, [and/ son/ well] his friends thought he was weird, [hear/ soup/ but] Teddy liked the stories and read [tail/ fire/ them] anyway.

After reading the "Invaders From Mars" edition, Teddy [loot/ went/ you] to sleep and soon he began [to/ sea/ if] dream about what he had read. [A/ We/ Is] bright light shone over his neighborhood, [cover/ lamb/ and] something happened to the people there. Teddy's [yell/ about/ sixth]-grade teacher became silently strange. She offered [candy/ where/ gotten] to all of her students in [foot/ cup/ an] odd voice. "Would you care for [no/ in/ a] piece of candy?" she asked all [of/ pet/ rob] her pupils. Teddy was astonished because Miss Ratcher [would/ vases/ truth] not even allow gum or mints [age/ on/ sew] the playground! Then Teddy noticed that [force/ after/ bathe] his friends had eaten the candy, they, [cut/ low/ too], spoke in strange voices and [seemed/ eight/ works] to have glazed eyes. Teddy did [toot/ not/ new] take a

piece of candy and [clip/ self/ all] eyes were upon him.

"Are you [sure/ find/ grew] you will not have a piece of [fellow/ timer/ candy]? It is chocolate fudge and very delicious," [said/ very/ run] Miss Ratcher with a forceful look. [For/ Card/ Bow] the first time, Teddy felt frightened. [Whose/ When/ Better] Miss Ratcher realized that Teddy was [find/ not/ sun] going to eat the candy, she [labor/ under/ turned] her back to the class and [house/ sweet/ began] writing the day's lesson on the [spins/ board/ where]. To his horror, Teddy saw that Miss Ratcher [had/ our/ lab] a small white bandage on the [tore/ back/ were] of her neck, and around the bandage [bat/ he/ row] saw flecks of black and bits [so/ fun/ of] dried blood.

Then Teddy realized that [wall/ his/ kit] classmates had the same things [sip/ on/ war] the backs of their necks and [he/ tip/ you] panicked because he did not know [top/ use/ whom] to trust. He saw that they [chest/ were/ asks] closing in on him and he [bitter/ raced/ sober] out of the classroom yelling.

Then [far/ bet/ he] felt someone grab his arms and [cot/ he/ pen] tried to fight them off. "Teddy, [only/ runs/ wake] up! Wake up, darling. You are [beaten/ having/ lives] a bad dream," said his mother. Teddy [bent/ dirty/ woke] up and laughed. "I don't think [I/ to/ as] will read any more comics, Mom," he [love/ said/ were].

That morning Teddy arrived at [fires/ school/ where] late. He raced into his classroom. Miss Ratcher [thing/ upper/ smiled] and said, "Hello, Teddy. Would you [like/ cry/ sun] a piece of fudge that I [bold/ fun/ made]?"